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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 58-67 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 58 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 59-67 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed the rejection(s) under 35 U.S. §§ 101, 112, first paragraph against claims 58-67 in the decision of November 30, 2005.
2. In view of the newly discovered reference(s), PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Priority

3. It is noted that the instant claimed nucleic acid molecules of SEQ ID NO: 3 were first disclosed in the provisional application 60/087,393, filed 06/01/1998, which establishes the priority date of the instant invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. • Claims 59-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eaton et al, US 2002/0119130 A1, published August 29, 2002, filing date of October 29, 1997.

Claims 59-67 are directed to an isolated nucleic acid molecules comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3. Eaton et al. document discloses a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 151, which is 100% identical to the instant claimed nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID

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NO: 3 (see a copy of the sequence alignment attached to the instant office action). Thus, Eaton et al. disclosure fully anticipates the instant invention.

6. Claims 59-67 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ford et al., US Patent 6,337,072, filing date of 05/20/1998.

Claims 59-67 are directed to an isolated nucleic acid molecules comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3. Ford et al. document discloses a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, which is 100% identical to the instant claimed nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 (see a copy of the sequence alignment attached to the instant office action). Thus, Ford et al. document fully anticipates the instant invention.

7. Claims 60-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ford et al., US Patent 6,541,623, filing date of 05/20/1998.

Claims 60-62 are directed to fragments of nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO: 3. Ford et al. document discloses probes, which are fragments of SEQ ID NO: 4, which is 100% identical to the instant nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 (see a copy of the sequence alignment attached to the instant office action). Thus, Ford et al. fully anticipates the instant invention.

Conclusion

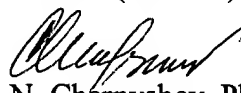
8. Claim 58 is free of prior art and has utility as a marker of chromosome 2, region q11.2-q14.2. Claim 58 is allowed. Claims 59-67 are rejected.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olga N. Chernyshev whose telephone number is (571) 272-0870. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet L. Andres can be reached on (571) 272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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